



## PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UNIVERSAL  
IDENTIFICATION OF BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES :

## **SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further in response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 33 to read as follows:

33. (Amended) A method for identifying a biological sample associated with a container, comprising:

- providing a container suitable for receiving a biological sample;
- marking said container with a universally unique identifier;
- placing a biological sample in said container;

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